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NAL NEWS NOTES

300 YEAR-OLD MARYLAND WILDFLOWER SPECIMENS ON EXHIBIT HERE

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An exhibit entitled "Wildflowers Gathered in Colonial Maryland in the 1690s" will be on display in the lobby through April 1.

The exhibit consists of 45 individual mounted specimens, from the DuBois Herbarium at the University of Oxford, England, of dried flowering plants, ferns, and conifers gathered in colonial Maryland in the 1690s by European naturalists. On display along with the plants will be rare books from NAL written by late 17th and early 18th century English naturalists and others as well as original paintings and drawings of flowers grown in some of the royal gardens and estates of Europe from seeds gathered in colonial Maryland.

This exhibition is being presented by the University of Maryland; the National Agricultural Library; the Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Christ Church Parish of the Episcopal Church, Port Republic, Calvert County, Maryland; and the Botanical Society of Washington.

Alan Fusonie (MAINT) and Marilyn Jacobs (ERS) have coordinated efforts in the bringing of this botanical exhibition to NAL. Prior to the showing here at NAL, this exhibit will have undergone three viewings throughout the State of Maryland. Already the enthusiasm, interest, involvement, and cooperation have been quite evident at the local, state, national, and international levels.

As part of the exhibit showing at Christ Church in Port Republic on Wednesday, March 9, the National Arboretum of the USDA has donated a five and a half foot Japanese flowering cherry tree--*Prunus X Subhirtella*--in memory of Hugh Jones (1671-1702), Rector of Christ Church and first naturalist of Maryland. This particular Japanese flowering cherry tree (Plant Introduction No. 45216) was propagated from Japanese flowering cherry trees originally grown around 1917 at "In the Woods," a lovely tract of land at the home of David Fairchild, the champion of Federal plant exploration and introduction. Fairchild was also instrumental in bringing the Japanese flowering cherry trees to the Washington, D.C. area. The original trees at "In the Woods" were ordered and introduced from the Yokohama Nursery Company in Japan. In Japan, the flowering cherry, or "Sakura" as it is called by the Japanese people, is one of the most exalted of all flowering plants.

This exhibition, including NAL rare volumes, will go back to Annapolis for a final showing at the William Paca House from April 4 through May 1, 1983, and will be featured in the Annapolis May Day garden tour.

NFAIS 1984 CONFERENCE

Irene Glennon (RD) has been appointed to the program committee to plan the 1984 Annual Conference of the National Federation of Abstracting and Indexing Services. The committee will be developing the conference theme, arranging for speakers, and doing the publicity. Preliminary plans will be presented at the April NFAIS Board of Directors meeting. Other program committee members are from NLM, BIOSIS, Chemical Abstracts, and the American Geological Institute.

OUTREACH

C. McKissick (IAD) attended the 1890 Land-Grant Library Directors Association and Tuskegee Institute meeting February 21 and 22 in Atlanta, Georgia. The thrust of the meeting was a discussion of a workshop held last September and how to use the views and techniques presented. A committee was formed to plan a symposium for the Fall meeting at which the Association will give presentations on the role of the library as it serves the researcher, the extension worker, and the university.

EXTENSION REPOSITORY

Alan Fusonie (MAINT) and Jerry Paulsen (EXT) met with Pete Williams, Deputy Administrator for 4-H Youth, Milton Boyce, Program Leader, and others concerning progress and future plans for the Extension Repository materials. Presently, the AGRICOLA database includes 1,594 thesis/dissertations with special Extension Repository note. Additional current thesis and dissertations marked "Extension Repository" will also be added to the AGRICOLA database with a special note. One should be able to conduct a citation review of these materials through their State land-grant library and/or other appropriate computer terminal access. Once a user has the AGRICOLA database online then she or he should use the terms Extension (W) Repository. Keywords, language, and other limitations will further refine search or review.

There remains an estimated 9,000 uncataloged Extension Repository items (intern papers, research reports) to be reviewed for possible selection for input into the AGRICOLA database. Milton Boyce, Program Leader, is knowledgeable about these materials and has offered to identify what is important enough to add.

Also discussed was the need to develop methods for communication about and access to the Extension Repository materials as well as ways to encourage additional donations of thesis/dissertation materials and outstanding collections of personal papers and manuscripts.

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AGRICOLA ONLINE ACTIVITIES

Charles Bebee (ISD) taught an advanced class of librarians at the National Fertilizer Center, Muscle Shoals, Alabama.

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APPRECIATION

Utilization Section received compliments on their service from L. M. Southwick, Research Chemist, Soil and Water Pollution Research, ARS/USDA, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

I wanted to express our great appreciation to you for the way you filled our request for copies of articles out of a 1974 British Crop Protection Council monograph. I understand that you had to obtain this book on loan from England. We have always been pleased with the way the copy service works for us in the field, but the way this request was handled was more than we expected and we are truly grateful.

FARM JOURNAL EDITOR PAYS RESEARCH CALL

Linda Schotsch, Associate Editor of the Farm Journal, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was at the Library on February 10 to research information on accessing the AGRICOLA database and also the CRIS system. Her magazine recently acquired and set up electronic communications for accessing AGRICOLA and other databases. Ms. Schotsch was in town to attend the USDA's Agricultural Journalists Conference at the time.

INTERN TAKES UP APPOINTMENT AT CORNELL

Joan Lippincott completed 6 weeks of training at NAL on March 4. She assumed the duties of Head of Public Services, Mann Library, Cornell University on March 7. Joan was very appreciative of the opportunity to work with NAL staff and felt she learned much to carry to her land-grant job. In return, she accomplished much for NAL.

VISITORS AND TOURS

Summary Tabulation of Visitors Received by NAL, February 1983

	No. of Visitors	Scientists	Other Professionals	Foreign	Domestic	Countries Represented
Feb	5	1	4	5	0	2
Oct/Feb	187	12	175	26	161	7

2/8/83 Dr. E. Richard Gaeta, representing the Library of the Faculty of Agronomy of the University of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

2/14/83 Four Egyptian extension specialists from New Mexico State University-Extension

CONGRESSIONAL REQUESTS AND INQUIRIES

Telephone request received from Office of Congressman Gillis Long (D-Louisiana) for a photocopy of a Forest Service publication. Juanita Mobley (UTIL) processed the request.

Mark Scanlon, an assistant to Senator Robert Dole (R-Kansas), called regarding the possibility of establishing an Information Clearinghouse on Animal Welfare, either at NAL or the National Library of Medicine. Since the inquiry involved a discussion of the relative suitability and capability of the two libraries for handling such a center, should Senator Dole include it when reintroducing his bill supplementing the Animal Welfare Act, and the request also appeared to be a policy level matter. Mrs. MacLean referred the matter to Mr. Waters.

Ms. Marian Morris, of the Office of Senator Charles McC Mathias, Jr., (R-Maryland) called to see if we had any information on the farming practices of the Amish and Mennonite communities that may lead to pollution, and their susceptibility to change. Mrs. MacLean sent several citations from searches of both the AGRICOLA and America: History and Life databases which seemed pertinent, plus a xerox copy of one of the cited articles. To address the issue of promoting change in agricultural practices, a copy of G. Sophar's contracted study by Consumer Dynamics, "Conclusions on the Effects of Decision-Making Behavior on the Use of Information" was sent.

PERSONNEL

Resource Development Division

Sheila Parsons, a student in the information science program at the University of Maryland, reported for work as a volunteer in training 6 hours per week.

Beth Root's detail in Indexing Section ended February 16.

Rebecca Younger, Cataloging Section, was promoted to GS-5 effective February 20.

Ingebjorg Powers, Serials Section, resigned to accept a position at the Library of Congress on February 20.

Stephen Fernando Jose Aragon was born to Melody and Ruben Aragon on February 26 at 4:18 a.m., their first. Melody was in work status, Acquisitions Section, until she began maternity leave on February 20.

Information Access Division

Henry Moore, Student Aide, resigned February 18.

EXTRAMURAL MEETINGS

Joseph Swab (MAINT) attended the Preservation and Conservation of Library Materials Conference in Philadelphia, February 10-11. He also attended the equipment show sponsored by the National Capitol Chapter of the National Micrographics Association at the West Park Hotel, Rosslyn, VA, on February 8.

Alan Fusonie (MAINT) attended a 4-H Staff Conference, February 28.

Irene Glennon, Shirely Gaventa, Jean Bellows, and Vera Junger (IND) attended the 1983 Annual NFAIS (National Federation of Abstracting and Indexing Service) meeting at the Crystal Gateway Hotel, Crystal City, Arlington, VA, February 28-March 1-3.

Frances Mark (CAT) attended the Descriptive Cataloging Policy Meeting at LC, February 2.

